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**RE: NVRA public disclosure request**

Dear Disclosure Officer(s):

I am writing to request inspection or copies of records related to your office's voter list maintenance obligations under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA).

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993, 52 U.S.C. § 20501 *et seq.*, requires your office to make available for public inspection "all records concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency of official lists of eligible voters." 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i).

Pursuant to Section 20507(i) of NVRA, I request that your office reproduce or provide the opportunity to inspect the following records contained within SURE:

1. Documents regarding all registrants who were identified as potentially not satisfying the citizenship requirements for registration from any official information source, including information obtained from the various agencies within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation since January 1, 2006. This request extends to all documents that provide the name of the registrant, the voting history of such registrant, the nature and content of any notice sent to the registrant, including the date of the notice, the response (if any) of the registrant, and actions taken regarding the registrant's registration (if any) and the date of the action. This request extends to electronic records capable of compilation.
  - a. This request includes all voter records that were referenced in recent news media reports regarding individuals improperly exposed to registration prompts due to a "glitch" in PennDOT's Motor Voter compliance system. At least one news report claims that "a Pennsylvania Department of State review is underway."<sup>1</sup> I seek all voter records contained in this review.

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<sup>1</sup> The Philadelphia Inquirer; Glitch let ineligible immigrants vote in Philly elections, officials say (September 20, 2017), <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/city/philly-voter-fraud-trump-immigrants-registration-commissioners-penndot-20170920.html>

2. All documents and records of communication received or maintained by your office from registered voters, legal counsel, claimed relatives, or other agents since January 1, 2006 requesting a removal or cancellation from the voter roll for any reason related to non-U.S. citizenship/ineligibility. Please include any official records indicating maintenance actions undertaken thereafter.
3. All documents and records of communication received or maintained by your office from jury selection officials—state and federal--since January 1, 2006 referencing individuals who claimed to be non-U.S. citizens when attempting to avoid serving a duty call. This request seeks copies of the official referrals and documents indicating where your office or local registrars matched a claim of noncitizenship to an existing registered voter and extends to the communications and maintenance actions taken as a result that were memorialized in any written form.
4. All communications regarding list maintenance activities relating to #1 through 3 above to appropriate local prosecutors, Pennsylvania Attorney General, Pennsylvania State Police, any other state law enforcement agencies, the United States Attorney's office, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Understanding that federal file retention laws may impact some disclosures, an optimal grouping of documents presented per registered voter disclosed would contain the following:

- The completed voter application form (redacted where necessary to prevent disclosures of claimed Social Security number and signature);
- Referral documents/transmissions for new or updated voter registration applications provided by state agencies charged with National Voter Registration Act (Motor Voter) duties;
- Records indicating the “voter profile” or “voter view” or similar feature provided within the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE) which details all information kept per voter, to include but is not limited to:
  - Full name on file (including previous names)
  - Date of birth
  - Voter ID number
  - Voter registration date (including previous dates of registration)
  - Date of last maintenance/update action
  - Reason code(s) for previous maintenance action(s)
  - County of registration
  - Detailed address information history (residential and mailing)
  - Political party designation history (if claimed/recorded)
  - Registration method history (e.g. self, NVRA agency transaction, third-party, etc.)
  - Assigned voting districts history
  - Election participation history in full
  - All internal memoranda stored within each “profile”

- All letters, postcards, and other mailings sent or maintained by your office to the voter in question with notations for types of postage or method of delivery indicated where possible;
- All letters, emails, logged phone calls, documents, and other communications from the voter in question maintained within SURE—including those communications from legal counsel or claimed relatives on their behalf;
- All documents your office may receive or maintain from federal entities to include but are not limited to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/USCIS detailing inquiries regarding registered voters;
- All documents and communications contained in SURE between the registered voter in question and county registration officials with respect to pending immigration matters; and
- Any documents contained in SURE that were sent to the voter to require that an affirmation of citizenship or noncitizenship be given in writing with responses included, where applicable.

Should your office require any examples of the above data collected via NVRA request in other jurisdictions, I would be happy to supply them in electronic format.

If you would like to produce these requested documents in paper or digital form, I can dispense with the need to visit your office for inspection. I will be in Harrisburg on October 25, 2017 and would be available for a brief office visit to take delivery of responsive documents or further discuss this request, if necessary. My contact information is provided below.

Thank you for your service on this matter.

Sincerely,

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